

## PATENT

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE CLAIMS

1. (original) A method of making a container carrier, comprising steps of:  
providing a handle sheet and a carrier sheet;  
positioning the handle sheet on at least a portion of the carrier sheet;  
connecting the handle sheet and the carrier sheet along a line of attachment;  
5 forming first and second rows of container receiving apertures in the carrier sheet on  
opposite sides of the line of attachment; and  
forming holes in the handle sheet simultaneously with forming the first row of apertures,  
the holes and the first row of apertures formed in substantially the same configurations.
2. (original) The method of claim 1, said step of connecting performed by creating a  
substantially continuous weld between said sheets.
3. (original) The method of claim 2, including connecting the handle sheet with the  
carrier sheet along first and second spaced lines of attachment; and removing a portion of the  
handle sheet between the first and second spaced lines of attachment.
4. (original) The method of claim 3, including forming the first row of apertures between  
one of the lines of attachment and an edge of the carrier sheet, forming the second row of  
apertures between the lines of attachment; and  
forming a third row of apertures in the carrier sheet on an opposite side of the other of the  
5 lines of attachment from the second row of apertures.
5. (original) The method of claim 4, including forming holes in the handle sheet  
simultaneously with forming the third row of apertures.
6. (original) The method of claim 5, including forming first and second handles in said  
handle sheet outwardly of the holes with respect to said first and second lines of attachment.

7. (original) The method of claim 6, including forming a merchandising panel simultaneously with forming at least one of the first and second handles.

8. (original) A method of making a container carrier, comprising steps of:  
providing a handle sheet and a carrier sheet;  
positioning the handle sheet against the carrier sheet;  
connecting the handle sheet and the carrier sheet along spaced first and second lines of  
5 attachment;  
removing a strip of the handle sheet between the lines of attachment, leaving a first  
handle portion outwardly from the first line of attachment and a second handle portion  
outwardly from the second line of attachment;  
forming a first row of container receiving apertures in the carrier sheet outwardly from  
10 the first line of attachment and simultaneously forming holes in the first handle portion  
similarly shaped to the first row of apertures;  
forming a second row of apertures in the carrier sheet between the first and second lines  
of attachment; and  
forming a third row of container receiving apertures in the carrier sheet outwardly from  
15 the second line of attachment and simultaneously forming holes in the second handle portion  
similarly shaped to the third row of apertures.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, said forming steps performed by die cutting.

10. (original) The method of claim 8, including providing the handle sheet wider than the carrier sheet, positioning the sheets with first and second margin portions of the handle sheet extending beyond the carrier sheet on opposite sides, and forming handles in the margin portions of the handle sheet outwardly of the carrier sheet.

11. (original) The method of claim 10, said forming steps performed by die cutting.

12. (original) The method of claim 8, including forming a handle in the handle sheet and simultaneously forming a merchandising panel in the carrier sheet configured substantially the same as the handle.

13. (original) The method of claim 8, including providing the handle sheet of material different from the material of the carrier sheet.

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